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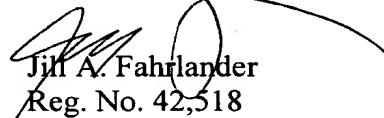
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Enclosed for filing are the formal drawings for the above-identified application.
Entry of the enclosed drawings is respectfully requested.

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